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Viewing cable 07BEIJING473,

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Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cables unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

To understand the justification used for the classification of each cable, please use this [WikiSource](#) article as reference.

Discussing cables

If you find meaningful or important information in a cable, please link directly to its unique reference number. Linking to a specific paragraph in the body of a cable is also possible by copying the appropriate link (to be found at the paragraph symbol). Please mark messages for social networking services like Twitter with the hash tags **#cablegate** and a hash containing the reference ID e.g. **#07BEIJING473**.

Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
07BEIJING473	2007-01-22 07:12	2011-08-30 01:44	SECRET	Embassy Beijing

Appears in these articles:

<http://www.aftenposten.no/spesial/wikileaksdokumenter/article3971893.ece>

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RUEHOT/AMEMBASSY OTTAWA IMMEDIATE 3925
RUEHUL/AMEMBASSY SEOUL IMMEDIATE 9829
RUEHKO/AMEMBASSY TOKYO IMMEDIATE 1121
RUEKJCS/SECDEF WASHINGTON DC IMMEDIATE
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REF: A. BEIJING 331 B. STATE 4837 (NOTAL)

Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission David S. Sedney. Reasons 1.4 (a , b, d, e and g)

1. (S) Delivering the Chinese Governments formal response to our January 15 demarche on Chinas ASAT test, Assistant Foreign Minister He Yafei
2. (S) A/S Hill, underlining the significance of the issue, stressed that our information indicates Chinas action constituted a military test
3. (S) A/S Hill stated that the last thing the United States wants is to have an arms race in outer space with China. He pointed out that the
4. (S) A/S Hill also raised our concerns about the ASAT test with Vice Foreign Minister Wu Dawei at a subsequent dinner on January 21, noting